

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 8932

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served August 31, 2005

Application of MONA ALI)	Case No. AP-2005-071
AL-AMOURI, Trading as MONALIZA)	
TRANSPORTATION, for a)	
Certificate of Authority --)	
Irregular Route Operations)	

Applicant seeks a certificate of authority to transport passengers in irregular route operations between points in the Metropolitan District, restricted to transportation in vehicles with a seating capacity of less than 16 persons only, including the driver. The application is unopposed.

The Compact, Title II, Article XI, Section 7(a), authorizes the Commission to issue a certificate of authority if it finds that the proposed transportation is consistent with the public interest and that the applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform the proposed transportation properly, conform to the provisions of the Compact, and conform to the rules, regulations, and requirements of the Commission.

Applicant proposes commencing operations with one van. Applicant's proposed tariff contains rates for transportation under the District of Columbia Medicaid program.

Applicant verifies that: (1) applicant owns or leases, or has the means to acquire through ownership or lease, one or more motor vehicles meeting the Commission's safety requirements and suitable for the transportation proposed in this application; (2) applicant owns, or has the means to acquire, a motor vehicle liability insurance policy that provides the minimum amount of coverage required by Commission regulations; and (3) applicant has access to, is familiar with and will comply with the Compact, the Commission's rules, regulations and orders, and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations as they pertain to transportation of passengers for hire.

Applicant's street address is same as that for Mohammed Hussein Mualla, trading as Carmel Transportation, whose application for a certificate of authority was conditionally approved earlier this year.¹ Applicant's bank account was also used recently to pay the \$100 filing

¹ See In re Mohammed Hussein Mualla, t/a Carmel Transp., No. AP-05-11, Order No. 8675 (Apr. 28, 2005).

fee for the application of Theeab Al-Asawi, trading as Sinbad Transportation.²

Applicant was directed to file a statement explaining her relationship with Mr. Mualla and Mr. Al-Asawi. Mr. Mualla is applicant's husband, but applicant explains her business will be run separately from Mr. Mualla's. Applicant also explains that she paid the \$100 filing fee on behalf of Theeab Al-Asawi, trading as Sinbad Transportation, because Al-Asawi did not have his own checkbook and is a personal friend of applicant's husband.

Applicant is admonished to keep her assets, books, finances and operations completely separate from those of Mohammed Hussein Mualla and Theeab Al-Asawi. Sharing of office space with Mr. Mualla will be allowed, but this order should not be construed as permission to share revenue vehicles or operating authority with either Mr. Mualla or Mr. Al-Asawi.³

Based on the evidence in this record, the Commission finds that the proposed transportation is consistent with the public interest and that applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform the proposed transportation properly, conform to the provisions of the Compact, and conform to the rules, regulations, and requirements of the Commission.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That upon applicant's timely compliance with the requirements of this order, Certificate of Authority No. 1100 shall be issued to Mona Ali Al-Amouri, trading as MonaLiza Transportation, 25479 Vacation Place, Aldie, VA 20105.

2. That applicant may not transport passengers for hire between points in the Metropolitan District pursuant to this order unless and until a certificate of authority has been issued in accordance with the preceding paragraph.

3. That applicant is hereby directed to file the following documents within the 180-day maximum permitted in Commission Regulation No. 66: (a) evidence of insurance pursuant to Commission Regulation No. 58 and Order No. 4203; (b) an original and four copies of a tariff or tariffs in accordance with Commission Regulation No. 55; (c) a vehicle list stating the year, make, model, serial number, fleet number, license plate number (with jurisdiction) and seating capacity of each vehicle to be used in revenue operations; (d) a copy of the for-hire vehicle registration card, and a lease as required by Commission Regulation No. 62 if applicant is not the registered owner,

² See In re Theeab Al-Asawi, t/a Sinbad Transp., No. AP-05-64, Order No. 8742 (May 23, 2005).

³ In re Medina Transp. Serv., t/a Medina Express, No. AP-02-73, Order No. 6796 (Sept. 3, 2002); In re Ontime Transp. Inc., No. AP-00-18, Order No. 5866 (Apr. 21, 2000).

for each vehicle to be used in revenue operations; (e) proof of current safety inspection of said vehicle(s) by or on behalf of the United States Department of Transportation, the State of Maryland, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Virginia; and (f) a notarized affidavit of identification of vehicles pursuant to Commission Regulation No. 61.

4. That the grant of authority herein shall be void and the application shall stand denied upon applicant's failure to timely satisfy the conditions of issuance prescribed herein.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION; COMMISSIONERS YATES, MILLER, AND SMITH:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. S. Morrow, Jr.', is positioned above the printed name.

William S. Morrow, Jr.
Executive Director